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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: AFSP, ACOM, ET

SUBJ: POUCH INSPECTION

REF: ADDIS ABABA 11009 AND PREVIOUS

1. MEXICAN AMBASSADOR CALLED ME THIS MORNING TO RELAY MESSAGE FROM ACTING DEAN (AUSTRIAN) ON POUCH SITUATION, WHICH REPRESENTS LATEST WE HAVE. ACCORDING TO ACTING DEAN:

A. AFRICAN GROUP, AFTER FAILING TO OBTAIN APPOINTMENT WITH FONMIN (NOT HERE) OR ACTING FONMIN (ILL), TRIED TO SEE DIRECTOR, AFRICAN AFFAIRS, MOFA, APPARENTLY MORNING OCT 15, BUT WERE SHUNTED OFF TO MOFA CHIEF OF PROTOCOL WHO TOLD THEM MATTER OF INCOMING POUCHES WAS STILL UNDER CONSIDERATION AND THAT HE THEREFORE HAD NOTHING NEW TO TELL THEM. AFRICANS WERE THEREFORE PLANNING TO SEND NOTES WHICH INTER ALIA WOULD ASK SPECIFICALLY WHAT DATE EPMG HAD IN MIND FOR LIFTING RESTRICTION.

B. ACTING DEAN TRIED TO SECURE APPOINTMENT ON BEHALF OF CORPS WITH MAJOR BERHANE BAYEH, CHAIRMAN OF PMAC FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, TO DISCUSS SITUATION WITH HIM. REQUEST WAS REFUSED. ACTING DEAN WAS TOLD THAT THIS WAS MATTER TO BE DEALT WITH ONLY THROUGH MOFA.

C. OAU ASSISTANT SECGEN DJOUDI RETURNED TO ADDIS
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MORNING OCT 15. CUSTOMS INSISTED THAT HIS LUGGAGE

BE SEARCHED DESPITE EARLIER EPMG AGREEMENT THAT ASST
SECGENS WOULD BE EXEMPT ALONG WITH CHIEFS OF MISSION.
HE REFUSED AND EVENTUALLY LEFT HIS LUGGAGE AT AIRPORT
(PRESUMABLY UNTIL MATTER IS STRAIGHTENED OUT).
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